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WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF Washington

8 December 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL KING:

SUBJECT: Signal Intelligence

- Ref (1) Top Secret Ultra Memorandum for General Marshall from Admiral King, dated 8 November 1945.
- l. It appears from your memorandum of 8 November that you agree that certain phases of Army and Navy intelligence should be a joint matter but that you feel it necessary for the Navy to impose certain limitations upon the functions of any joint intelligence agency. General Marshall's proposal was based upon the premise that there should be no such limitations, and that there should be complete integration of all intelligence activities, including cryptanalytic activities.
- 2. As you know, the Secretaries of State, War and Navy recently appointed a committee to investigate and report upon the advisability of the formation of a central intelligence agency. Any action which this committee may take will naturally have a substantial effect upon the proposal for merging Army and Navy intelligence activities. It therefore seems appropriate to defer action upon the mutual problems of the two services until the result of the committee study has been announced.

/s/ DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER Chief of Staff

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